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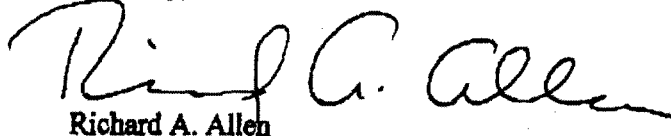
Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Finance Docket No. 34963, James Riffin, dba The Raritan Valley Connecting  
Railroad—Acquisition and Operation Exemption.

Dear Secretary Williams:

I am writing to inform the Board that Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company will not be seeking a stay of the effectiveness of the amended notice of exemption filed in this proceeding on December 1, 2006 and modified on December 6, 2006 and do not at this time request the Board to commence a proceeding in connection with the amended notice.

Sincerely,

  
Richard A. Allen

Enclosures

cc: David Konschnik (by fax)  
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